

To the Chairman and Members of the Bridgwater Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Report for the year 1939.

Owing to war conditions and in accordance with instructions from the Ministry of Health this is a short interim Report.

General Health of the District.

Influenza was prevalent during the first three months of the year. A widespread epidemic of measles began in November and 119 cases were reported by the end of the year with one death.

Diseases Notified during 1939.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	22	16	-
Diphtheria	3	2	1
Measles	119	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	-	-
Pneumonia	4	-	-
Erysipelas	3	-	-

Births and Deaths Registered in the District (not corrected for inward and outward transfer):-

Births 156. Deaths 219. Deaths of infants under one year of age 8.

Causes of Death	Males.	Females
All Causes	110	109
Measles	-	1
Influenza	-	2
Respiratory Tuberculosis	3	4
Other Tuberculosis diseases	-	1
Cancer	16	11
Diabetes	4	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	19	10
Heart Disease	20	13
Bronchitis	10	4
Pneumonia (all forms)	5	11
Other Respiratory Diseases	1	-
Ulcer	2	1
Appendicitis	-	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	-	1
Other Liver Diseases	1	3
Nephritis	4	3
Congenital causes	2	4
Senility	5	21
Suicide	1	-
Other violence	4	3
Other defined causes	22	14
	<u>110</u>	<u>109</u>

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during 1939

Age Periods	NEW CASES.				DEATHS			
	Respiratory.		Non-Resp'y		Respiratory.		Non-Resp'y	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	-
25 - 35	2	1	1	-	1	1	-	-
35 - 45	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	1	1	2	1	-	1	-	-
55 - 65	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
65 and upwards	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
TOTALS.	9	7	4	3	3	4	1	-

Water Supply.

A piped system of water supply was provided by the Council for the parish of Fiddington.

Sewage Disposal.

Additions and improvements were carried out during the year to the sewage disposal systems for the villages of North Petherton, Ashcott, Chedzoy, and Puriton.

Your obedient Servant

Wilberforce Thompson.

Medical Officer of Health.

- BRIDGNORTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL -

REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR YEAR 1939

Public Health Officers of the Authority :-

Medical Officer of Health - L.E. Dickson, M.D. (part time)
 Public Analyst - Mr. H. Lowe, Chester.
 Sanitary Inspector - Mr. D. C. Younger (whole time)

Sec. A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area in Acres 101,040.
 Registrar-General's estimate of resident population .
 mid 1939 a) for birth rate 11,710.
 b) for death rate 11,980.
 Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1939 according
 to Rate Book 3,330.
 Rateable Value £44,820.
 Product of 1d rate £196.13.6.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

There was no appreciable alteration in unemployment in the area.

1,700 evacuated mothers and children were received in the area in September, about half of whom had returned to their homes by the end of the year.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

		<u>Total.</u>		<u>M.</u>		<u>F.</u>	
		I.M.	B.R.	I.M.	B.R.	L.M.	B.R.
Live Births	Total	191	192	91.	92	100	100
	LegitIMATE	180	181	84	85	96	96
	IllegitIMATE	11	11	7	7	4	4

Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population 16.39

		<u>Total.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Still Births	Total	6.	3	3
	LegitIMATE	6	3	3
	IllegitIMATE	0	0	0

Rate per 1,000 live and still births 30.3

	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Deaths	146	84	62

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population 12.2

Comparability factor 0.9 Adjusted death rate 10.9

Deaths from Puerperal causes 0.

Death Rate of infants under one year of age :-

All infants per 1,000 live births 57.3

Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births . 60.7

Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births . 0.0

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	17.
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	0.
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	0.
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	0.

Sec.B.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Public Health Officers (as page 1)

There has been no change in the following services :-

- a) Laboratory facilities
- b) Ambulance facilities
- c) Nursing in the Home
- d) Hospitals, public and Voluntary
- e) At the Bridgnorth Welfare Centre the Clinic Day has been altered from Saturday to Monday morning from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the hour of attendance of the County Tuberculosis Officer from Tuesday afternoon to Tuesday morning from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sec. C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. 1) WATER There has been a fair rainfall during the year

BUTTON OAK SUPPLY: This supply was completed and in operation during the greater part of the year. A connection of this system was authorised and completed for supply of a small district in Kidderminster R.D.

ALVELEY SUPPLY: A public enquiry was held at Alveley on 28th June, by Mr. Gardiner of the Ministry of Health, and it was decided that a new ram should be installed as a temporary measure and the spring protected by a penned off enclosure.

STOTTESDON SUPPLY: A public enquiry was held at Stottesdon on 29th June, by Mr. Gardiner, M.I.C.E., of the Ministry of Health, at which the acquisition of Hardwick spring was approved. Work on the Scheme was commenced later in the year.

PARISH WATER SUPPLIES: A report was made to the Ministry of Health giving the water supply at present available in each parish in the District. A number of Public and private wells were repaired and reconstructed.

- 2) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE: There has been no important alteration in these.

11. RIVERS AND STREAMS: There has been no new action in respect of pollution of these.

111. 1) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION - 20 closets were converted from the conservancy system.
- 2) PUBLIC CLEANSING - There has been no fresh action in this matter.
- 3) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA - Your Sanitary Inspector's report is appended.

- 4) CAMPING SITES - One licence for a camping site was granted
- 5) SWIMMING BATHS - The two public baths have been inspected and found to be well kept.
- 6) BED BUGS - No case of infestation has been reported.

Sec. D.

HOUSING

On 12th January, a survey of the District was made by Mr. Thorpe, of the Ministry of Health, who discussed the housing in the District with your officials.

His report in February suggested a resurveying of housing in the area, adoption of a definite standard of fitness and the engaging of an assistant for the Sanitary Inspector.

New houses built during the year :

by private enterprise)	21
by local authority)

Number of houses demolished during the year 0

Sec. E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK - Routine inspections have been carried out as usual by your Sanitary Inspector. No action has been taken under the Milk and Dairies Order 1926 or the Milk Orders 1936 and 1938.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS - Inspections have been regularly carried out. No special action has been found necessary.

ADULTERATION - No action has been taken in this matter.

Sec. F.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

There were no large outbreaks of notifiable or non-notifiable infectious diseases during the year.

There were fewer cases of Scarlet Fever and they were of a milk character.

There were nine cases of Diphtheria, some of which were of virulent type and there were two deaths.

No action has been taken to provide artificial immunisation against Diphtheria or in regard to the use of Measles Serum.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR:

Disease:	Total cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	7	2	0
Diphtheria	9	5	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	1	0
Pneumonia	7	1	0
Erysipelas	3	1	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	0	1
Measles	1	0	0
Whooping Cough	2	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	1	0

Age Group.	Scarler Fever	Diphth- -eria	Puer- -peral	Pneu- -monia	Erys- -ipelas	Encs. Leth.-	Meas- -les	W. C.
1 year	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
20	1	3	1	2	0	1	0	0
35	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0
45	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0
65	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

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New cases and Mortality during 1939

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 -	1	1	-	1	-	2	-	-
25 -	1	2	-	1	1	1	-	-
35 -	3	1	-	-	2	-	-	-
45 -	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
55 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals:	5	6	-	2	4	3	-	-

There was one non-notified death in the area.

I am your obedient Servant.

L.E.DICKSON.

24th January 1941.

- BRIDGNORTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL -

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER
31st, 1939.

COMPLAINTS :

Fifty three complaints were received during the year of various natures. All were inspected and, where necessary, personal interviews were made on the different parties concerned, thereby no further action was necessary to be taken by my Council.

WATER ANALYSIS:

Three Chemical samples of water were taken during the year. Two were reported to be satisfactory and one not quite satisfactory.

WATER SUPPLIES:

Five wells belonging to private owners and six public wells have been repaired and reconstructed so as to prevent the water supply from contamination from surface pollution.

At the request of the Ministry of Health, a survey of each parish in the district was made to ascertain the conditions under which each part was served with a domestic water supply. The survey was completed on the 12th of March and forwarded to the Ministry

DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS:

During the year, five applications have been received and granted for registration under the Milk and Dairies Order. Considerable improvements and alterations to Dairies and Cowsheds have been carried out, and in my opinion, the sanitary conditions have considerably improved of recent years. The attention of all producers and retailers of milk has been called to the provisions of the Order in respect of the sanitary conditions in which these premises are required to be kept.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES :

There are thirteen slaughterhouses in the district which are inspected periodically, and the limewashing of each place is carried out twice annually or as often as may be considered necessary if the conditions on inspection require it.

The draining of one slaughterhouse was reconstructed and repaired during the year.

BAKEHOUSES :

These premises have been periodically visited during the year, and except for requests for the annual limewashing in accordance with the periods stated in the order, no further action has been found necessary.

WORKSHOPS and WORKPLACES:

These places have been visited from time to time during the year, but with the exception of the annual limewashing and general sanitary conditions, no further action was necessary.

HOUSE SCAVENGING:

A number of offensive accumulations found in different parts of the district have been removed by their respective owners after being informally notified or personally interviewed.

The work of the Council's scavenging Schemes which is in operation at the village of Alveley, and the Council's houses Highley, has been carried out satisfactorily during the year.

SWIMMING POOLS:

There are two pools in the area which are used by the public. These pools are periodically inspected during the season and at no time has there been any reason for complaint.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION:

Number of closets converted from the conservancy system
20.

UN SOUND FOOD:

Places where food is kept and prepared for human consumption have been periodically inspected during the year, and in no case have I found food which exception could be taken.

DISINFECTION:

Number of places dis-infected during the year after being occupied by patients suffering from infectious diseases -
25.

HOUSING:

Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects during the year (under the Public Health or Housing Acts) - 480.

Number of inspections made for the purpose . . . 510.

Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 15.

Number of inspections made for the purpose . . . 25.

